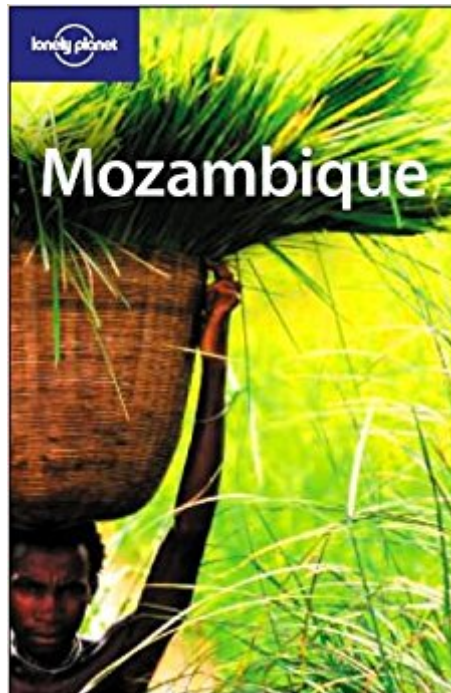




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# Lonely Planet Mozambique (Country Guide)



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that travel leads to a deeper cultural understanding and compassion and therefore a better world.

I generally LOVE lonely planet books, and buy one for every trip I take. Especially for international trips. Unfortunately, this one was not as helpful as others. Some of the recommendations were not accurate or valid. And several of the phone numbers had been disconnected. Still, the maps are correct and helpful, especially in the cities.

Very useful and necessary information. I recomend it if you are traveling to the north. I recommend it if you are traveling north. Please note that it is a guide only, as a base for your trip, but it is always best to know the local people and let them lead the way.

Very detailed, accurate, recent info. Incredible value for money. A must have for Mozambique travellers.

i'm afraid i have to pan this guide. i am here in mozambique and was also here a couple of years ago for 6 weeks. this guide looks like a rush job. there is not a whole lot of info beyond the bare minimum. the author doesn't seem to have spent very much time here. i was looking at someone's bradt guide last week and the difference is amazing. the bradt is twice as big for starters, and the author clearly has spent a lot of time here and knows the country. the maps in the bradt are also better. each entry about a hotel or restaurant has the map coordinates and you can go directly to the map to see where things are. the maps of maputo are generally much better. both guides are pretty much completely absent of information about mozambiquan music, which is an appalling oversite! and another complaint. i decided to download the digital edition and discovered that, contrary to what the web site says, it isn't complete. there is no index and the notes about the author are absent. anyhow, not recommended.

Mozambique has only recently re-opened to tourism, after years of war and bloodshed. Fortunately the hard times are now over, and the country is once again a thriving, wonderful African nation. I loved it all - the people, the food, the music... With this Lonely Planet guide, I was really able to get the most out of my stay. It contains plenty of advice on visiting places, hotels, restaurants, etc. And also great advice on how to save money - indeed, Mozambique can be very expensive ! A country and a book I won't forget.

## Excelent travel guide

Lonely Planet books are always interesting to browse through. Most of the time they do stick to giving you the facts about a country and I do appreciate it. However, Lonely Planet's editors often like to mix their left wing politics with travel. The result are sections like "Responsible Tourism" that at best are paternalistic to the reader and at worst wrong. In this section it is suggested that the tourist seek out "locally run and owned" establishments and patronize them instead of foreign owned businesses. First of all if you can tell a foreign owned from a local owned perhaps it's because the standards are different. Secondly, why would you choose a lesser value (weighing in price and quality of the product together) when picking a hotel for instance? Where you stay is part of the experience and it may not be worth residing in some dank crummy hotel for the sake of patronizing a local business. The reason why countries like Mozambique never worked out economically in the past (and now are trying to change) is because their leaders applied the same kind of dim ignorant thinking displayed by Lonely Planet writers. I have traveled to many People's Republics and the idea of a business supplying a valued product to a customer was often lacking. Businesses were simply suppose to provide jobs and no attention to efficiency or quality was made. This is exactly why these economies floundered in the past; they could not make things to market standards, their use of material resources and labor was so poor that they could only pay workers a pittance and could only pawn off their wares to captive populations. A successful economy has businesses that typically concentrate on providing value to the customer first - that is you the traveler. By doing so a business will insure that it employs local people and contributes to the local economy. Demanding that local enterprises match the value of foreign firms will help the country. Local entrepreneurs and workers will adopt the right business standards and work ethics to economically succeed.

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